

What is claimed is:

1 1. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method for determining
3 an ATM placement fee to be paid to a fee recipient
4 entity in a nonbank location in which an ATM is
5 installed under a payment-by-results contract with
6 a service provider, comprising the steps of:

7 (a) obtaining electronic history information
8 of the ATM; and

9 (b) determining the ATM placement fee, which
10 is to be paid to the fee recipient entity, in a
11 computer-implemented way based on said electronic
12 history information obtained by said obtaining step
13 (a).

1 2. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 1, wherein said electronic history information
4 is a transaction history about one or more
5 transactions that have been performed on the ATM.

1 3. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined
4 in terms of the number of transactions that have
5 been performed on the ATM.

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1 4. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined
4 in terms of the total sum of money that has been
5 transacted on the ATM during the individual
6 transactions.

1 5. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined
4 in terms of a combination of the number of
5 transactions performed on the ATM and the total sum
6 of money transacted on the ATM during the individual
7 transactions.

1 6. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined
4 in terms of the total length of time during which
5 the ATM has been kept in proper condition for service.

1 7. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined
4 in terms of a combination of the number of
5 transactions performed on the ATM and the total
6 length of time during which the ATM has been kept

7 in proper condition for service.

1 8. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined
4 in terms of a combination of the total sum of money
5 that have been transacted on the ATM during the
6 individual transactions and the total length of time
7 during which the ATM has been kept in proper condition
8 for service.

1 9. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 2, wherein said transaction history is defined
4 in terms of a combination of the number of
5 transactions performed on the ATM, the total sum
6 of money transacted on the ATM during the individual
7 transactions, and the total length of time during
8 which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for
9 service.

1 10. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 1, wherein said electronic history information
4 is a browsing history about browsing web contents
5 on the Internet as the ATM has been used by individual
6 customers.

1 11. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 1, wherein said electronic history information
4 is a combination of a transaction history about one
5 or more transactions performed on the ATM and a
6 browsing history about browsing web contents on the
7 Internet as the ATM has been used by individual
8 customers.

1 12. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 11, wherein said transaction history is
4 defined in terms of the number of transactions that
5 have been performed on the ATM.

1 13. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 11, wherein said transaction history is
4 defined in terms of the total sum of money that has
5 been transacted on the ATM during the individual
6 transactions.

1 14. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 11, wherein said transaction history is
4 defined in terms of a combination of the number of
5 transactions performed on the ATM and the total sum

6 of money transacted on the ATM during the individual
7 transactions.

1 15. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 1, wherein said electronic history information
4 is defined in terms of a combination of the total
5 length of time during which the ATM has been kept
6 in proper condition for service and a browsing
7 history about browsing web contents on the Internet
8 as the ATM has been used by individual customers.

1 16. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 11, wherein said transaction history is
4 defined in terms of the total length of time during
5 which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for
6 service.

1 17. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 11, wherein said transaction history is
4 defined in terms of a combination of the number of
5 transactions performed on the ATM and the total
6 length of time during which the ATM has been kept
7 in proper condition for service.

1 18. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 11, wherein said transaction history is
4 defined in terms of a combination of the total sum
5 of money transacted on the ATM during the individual
6 transactions and the total length of time during
7 which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for
8 service.

1 19. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 11, wherein said transaction history is
4 defined in terms of a combination of the number of
5 transactions performed on the ATM, the total sum
6 of money transacted on the ATM during the individual
7 transactions, and the total length of time during
8 which the ATM has been kept in proper condition for
9 service.

1 20. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 1, wherein said electronic history information
4 is a maintenance history of one or more maintenance
5 operations that have been performed by said fee
6 reception entity.

1 21. An automated transaction machine (ATM)

2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 20, wherein said maintenance history is an
4 item loading history of loading the ATM with a
5 consumption item by said fee reception entity.

1 22. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 20, wherein said maintenance history is a
4 problem solving history of solving one or more
5 problems, which arose with respect to the ATM, by
6 said fee reception entity.

1 23. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 20, wherein said maintenance history is a money
4 loading history of loading the ATM with money by
5 said fee reception entity.

1 24. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 23, wherein said money loading history is
4 defined in terms of the total number of banknotes
5 that have been loaded in the ATM by said fee recipient
6 entity.

1 25. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to

3 claim 23, wherein said money loading history is
4 defined in terms of the total sum of money that has
5 been loaded in the ATM by said fee recipient entity.

1 26. An automated transaction machine (ATM)
2 placement fee determination method according to
3 claim 1, wherein said ATM is an automated financial
4 transaction machine (AFTM).

1 27. A service providing system comprising:

2 (a) an automated transaction machine (ATM),
3 installed in a nonbank location of a fee recipient
4 entity under a payment-by-results contract with a
5 service provider, for providing services to
6 individual customers upon their requests in a
7 computer-implemented way;

8 (b) a history information obtaining unit for
9 obtaining electronic history information of said
10 ATM; and

11 (c) an ATM placement fee determination unit,
12 operatively connected with said history information
13 obtaining unit, for determining an ATM placement
14 fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity,
15 in a computer-implemented way based on said
16 electronic history information obtained in said
17 history information obtaining unit.

1 28. A service providing system according to
2 claim 27, further comprising an ATM management
3 station, communicably connected with said ATM
4 through a communications network, for managing said
5 ATM installed in said fee recipient entity, said
6 ATM management station serving as said history
7 information obtaining unit and said ATM placement
8 fee determination unit.

1 29. A financing system comprising:

2 (a) an automated financial transaction machine
3 (AFTM), installed in a nonbank location of a fee
4 recipient entity under a payment-by-results
5 contract with a financial institution, for
6 performing an electronic financial transaction upon
7 a customer's request;

8 (b) a history information obtaining unit for
9 obtaining electronic history information of said
10 AFTM; and

11 (c) an AFTM placement fee determination unit,
12 operatively connected with said history information
13 obtaining unit, for determining an AFTM placement
14 fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity,
15 in a computer-implemented way based on said
16 electronic history information obtained in said
17 history information obtaining unit.

1 30. A financing system according to claim 29,
2 further comprising an AFTM management station,
3 communicably connected with said AFTM through a
4 communications network, for managing said AFTM
5 installed in said fee recipient entity, said AFTM
6 management station serving as said history
7 information obtaining unit and said AFTM placement
8 fee determination unit.

1 31. An automated transaction machine (ATM),
2 which is to be installed in a nonbank location of
3 a fee recipient entity under a payment-by-results
4 contract with a service provider, for providing
5 services to customers upon their requests in a
6 computer-implemented way, comprising:

7 (a) a history information obtaining unit for
8 obtaining electronic history information of said
9 ATM; and

10 (b) an ATM placement fee determining unit,
11 operatively connected with said history information
12 obtaining unit, for determining the ATM placement
13 fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity,
14 in a computer-implemented way based on said
15 electronic history information obtained by said
16 history information obtaining unit.

1 32. An automated financial transaction

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2 machine (AFTM), which is to be installed in a nonbank
3 location of a fee recipient entity under a
4 payment-by-results contract with a financial
5 institution, for performing a financial transaction
6 upon a customer's request in a computer-implemented
7 way, comprising:

8 (a) a history information obtaining unit for
9 obtaining electronic history information of said
10 AFTM; and

11 (b) an AFTM placement fee determining unit,
12 operatively connected with said history information
13 obtaining unit, for determining the AFTM placement
14 fee, which is to be paid to said fee recipient entity,
15 in a computer-implemented way based on said
16 electronic history information obtained by said
17 history information obtaining unit.

1 33. A recording medium in which a program for
2 determining an automated transaction machine (ATM)
3 placement fee to be paid to a fee recipient entity,
4 in a nonbank location of which an ATM is installed
5 under a payment-by-results contract with a service
6 provider, is recorded, wherein said program
7 instructs a computer to execute the following steps:

8 (a) obtaining electronic history information
9 of said ATM; and

10 (b) determining the ATM placement fee, which

11 is to be paid to said fee recipient entity, based
12 on said electronic history information obtained by
13 said obtaining step (a).

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